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## EDUCATION

# ART OF A MEMORY, LOVINGLY DONE



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With a likeness of her late mother, Anne Starr, smiling upon her, Scout Urling of Bellingham, Wash., paints a portion of an 8-by-21-foot mural that will be hung on the walls of Markham Elementary School in Vacaville, where Starr taught first grade for many years and was beloved by her fellow teachers and students.

**Markham Elementary:** Group paints mural dedicated to the late Anne Starr, a beloved longtime teacher in Vacaville

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It is the art of a memory. It holds a mirror to a life that says, “You mattered.” The imagery and portraiture also say, “You were loved and will be remembered.”

A group of friends and relatives of the late Anne Starr, a beloved former teacher at Markham Elementary in Vacaville, have come together to design and paint a large mural dedicated to her life and legacy.

The painting crew, busy last week brushing pigment onto an 8-by-21-foot work in progress at the Markham Avenue campus, included Starr’s daughter, Scout Urling of Bellingham, Wash., her close friend, Helen Anderson of Petaluma, and Malaquias Montoya of Elmira, a professor of Chicano art at the University of California, Davis, and a nationally known artist whose work has been acquired by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

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A nationally known artist and UC Davis, professor, Malaquias Montoya of Elmira (left) speaks with Helen Anderson of Petaluma as they continue to work. Montoya knew Starr and Anderson grew up with Starr’s daughter, Scout Urling.

## HEALTH

# Doula of the Year encourages new applicants for program

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Every childbirth is different, Laura Whitman admits, but she has encouraged and comforted dozens and dozens of women through the physically and emotionally draining experience in the past five years.

Calm and soft-spoken, but also self-assured, the Vacaville woman

will provide whatever support the soon-to-be-mother wants, whether it is talking to and holding her, or just sitting quietly next to her.

Whitman was voted Sutter Davis Hospital’s Doula of the Year by her fellow doulas and staff at the birthing center.

Since she started volunteering, she has helped deliver 161 children — 80 girls and 81 boys — and put 11,000 miles on her car

driving from Vacaville to Davis.

When she gets the call that a woman has gone into labor, she tries to get out the door in five minutes.

“I always think on the way, I hope I can be what this family needs,” she said.

Her shortest shift was two babies in 45 minutes, and the longest was one baby in 28 hours. She stayed with the mother until the

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Laura Whitman (left), a volunteer doula, and Jessica Casas, a labor and delivery nurse who coordinates Sutter Davis Hospital’s doula program, pose for photos in a labor and delivery room at the birthing center.

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**Israel slams Polish PM for WWII remark**

Israeli politicians angered over Poland’s PM equating the Polish perpetrators to supposed “Jewish perpetrators”. PAGE A8



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**Local gun show continues today**

Show planned a year in advance continues three days after Florida school shooting. PAGE A4

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**New solution to sexual misconduct falls flat**

Promoting more women to boards and the C-Suite is considered a critical step, but critics say it is not enough. PAGE C7

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Have a great day, Joanne Wallace.

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